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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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T.W.,

PETITIONER.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

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OAL DKT. NO. HMA 07671-15

HORIZON NJ HEALTH,

RESPONDENT.

As Director of the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, I have reviewed the record in this matter, consisting of the Initial Decision, the documents in evidence and the contents of the OAL case file. No exceptions to the Initial Decision were filed. Procedurally, the time period for the Agency Head to render a Final Agency Decision is October 5, 2015 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10, which requires an Agency Head to adopt, reject, or modify the Initial Decision within 45 days of the agency's receipt. The Initial Decision was received on August 20, 2015.

Based upon my review of the record, I hereby ADOPT the findings, conclusions and recommended decision of the Administrative Law Judge in their

entirety and incorporate the same herein by reference. Following completion of the Personal Care Assistant (PCA) Beneficiary Assessment Tool, Horizon NJ Health determined that Petitioner needed a total of 24 hours of weekly PCA services. I am persuaded by the fact that no evidence was presented suggesting that any needed service or task cannot be performed within 24 hours per week. Moreover, as noted by the ALJ, Petitioner provided no evidence or explanation as to why this level of PCA services is insufficient.

THEREFORE, it is on this 23 rd day of September 2015,

ORDERED:

That the Initial Decision affirming Horizon's decision to provide 24 hours of PCA services per week is hereby ADOPTED as the Final Decision.

Valerie J. Harr, Director

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and Health Services